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Commissioner Arthur H. Rosenfeld Ph.D. Commissioner Julia Levin, J.D. California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, Ca 95814-5514

Re: City of Morgan Hill Sustainable Building Ordinance and the Building Energy Efficiency Standards

Dear Commissioners Rosenfeld and Levin,

Per the request of Commission Staff, we would like to express to you our commitment to continue enforcing the current Title 24 Building Energy Efficiency Standards as part of the implementation of our local energy ordinance. As the Building Official, I will work with my staff involved in energy plan review and field inspection to improve their working knowledge of the energy standards. This includes special training as needed which focuses on enforcement of the energy standards and the special requirements of the Ordinance.

On <u>December 2, 2009</u>, city staff presented the Sustainable Building Ordinance and the Energy Cost Effective Study to the City Council. The Council recognized the study analysis showing energy saving and cost effectiveness, and solicited public comment at their *December 2, 2009* regular calendar business meeting. The Ordinance and Study were approved by the Council.

Additionally, per the request of Commission Staff, language was amended in the Sustainable Building Ordinance to reflect Commission Staff comments for the Ordinance to require the demonstration of compliance with the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Title 24, part 6) of the California Building Code. This language change also reflects the City's commitment to enforce these standards as the minimum required by code, regardless of the green point rated system used, or the green point threshold required.

Thank you for considering Morgan Hill's Sustainable Building Ordinance application.

Sincerely

Ken DeLuna Building Official